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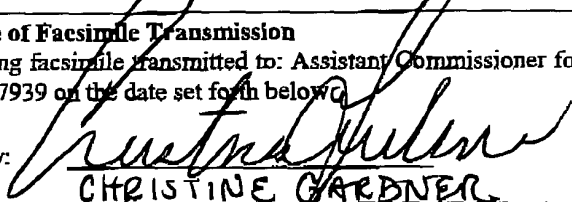
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

- B1
32. (Amended) A method of claim [30] 31 wherein the cells are grown in a culture medium and the exposing is effected by adding the ligand to the culture medium.
33. (Amended) A method of claim [30] 31 wherein the cells are present within a host organism and the exposing is effected by administering the ligand to the host organism.
- B2
38. (Amended) A kit of claim [36] 37 which further comprises a ligand to which one or more of the chimeric proteins encoded by the DNA construct(s) bind.
39. (Amended) A kit of claim [37] 38 which further comprises a monomeric ligand reagent as an antagonist for ligand-chimeric protein binding.
- B3
48. (Amended) A mammal of claim [45] 47 which is a mouse or other rodent or a human.